

**Notice of Submission of Health Insurance Flexibility and Accountability (HIFA)
Waiver Amendment Re: Coverage for Children Under the MaineCare Katie
Beckett Eligibility Option**

AGENCY: Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

NATURE OF CHANGES: In February 2005, DHHS submitted a waiver amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requesting approval to implement premiums (revised premium schedule from one submitted in a previous amendment); to end 12 months continuous eligibility; to end paying for bills dated before the month of application (known as retroactive coverage); to establish a 3 month waiting period before a child can enroll in MaineCare if families drop private health insurance; and to waive participation in the MaineCare Private Health Insurance Premium benefit.

REASON FOR CHANGES: To maintain MaineCare expenditures within available funding.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: April 15, 2005

The waiver document is available on the DHHS, Bureau of Medical Services website at www.maine.gov/bms. Select "Member/Consumer" and then select "Katie Beckett Information".

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